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It will always be our endeavour to supply the very best Bulbs, true to the description given in this catalogue, but it is a condition of sale of all Bulbs sent out by us, that, though we give you our assurance that we are using all reasonable care in the selection, we accept no responsibility in regard to the crop or failure of crop. All orders are booked on the understanding that these conditions are agreed to and we also notify to the same effect on the invoice. If the conditions are not acceptable to you the goods should be returned at once.

Quotations are without engagement, but where the price is mentioned on the order we will refer back for confirmation if an increased rate has to be charged. If we fail to do this, the goods can be returned if the price is not approved.

When we are unable to supply the exact variety ordered, we use our best judgment as to substituting other varieties. Any such substitutions are always made with a due regard to season, locality and other conditions so far as known to us.

The substituted varieties are sent for your approval, and while we hope and feel sure you will agree to what we have done with a desire to serve your best interests, you are at liberty to send back any such goods and we will promptly credit you with their value.

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ANEMONES.



			Price each	doz.
Du Caen	... <i>Single</i>			
A splendid mixture.		Per 100	10/6	1/6
His Excellency	... <i>Single</i>		6d	3/6
Scarlet, very large.		Per 100	25/-	
Incomparable	... <i>Double</i>		6d	4/-
Purple.		Per 100	30/-	
King of the Violets	... <i>Double</i>		6d	3/6
Lilac-blue.		Per 100	25/-	

ANEMONES.

			Price each	doz.
Mrs. Stanley	... Double		6d	3/6
Variegated rose.		Per 100	25/-	
Princess Alice	... Double		6d	4/-
Red.		Per 100	30/-	
Princess Juliana	... Single		6d	2/6
Bright blue.		Per 100	17/6	
Prolifera Alba	... Double		6d	3/6
White.		Per 100	25/-	
Proserpine	... Single		6d	3/-
Rose-lilac.		Per 100	20/-	
"Scarlet"	... Single		4d	2/6
Brilliant shade.		Per 100	17/6	
Scarlet Star	... Double		6d	4/-
Brilliant scarlet.		Per 100	30/-	
St. Bavo	... Single		—	2/-
Large flowered mixture, very fine.		Per 100	13/6	
St. Brigid	... Semi-Double		—	2/6
These are a great improvement on the single varieties, mostly semi-double, and are very free flowering, splendid mixture.				
		Per 100	17/6	
The Bride	... Single		6d	2/6
Pure white.		Per 100	17/6	
Zephyr	... Single		6d	3/-
Soft blue.		Per 100	21/-	
Excelsior Mixture	... Single		—	2/-
Giant blooms, magnificent colours, long-stemmed.		Per 100	12/6	
Splendid Mixture	...		—	2/-
Including various types and a fine range of colour.		Per 100	12/6	

Five per cent. can be deducted
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ARUMS.

	Price	each	doz.
Zantedeschia Adlami <i>Arum</i>	3/-		—
White with large violet spots.			
Zantedeschia Aethiopica <i>Arum</i>	6d		3/-
The Cape White Arum. Easily grown as it adapts itself to summer or winter rainfall.			
	Per 100 22/6		
Zantedeschia Albo Maculata <i>Arum</i>	3/-		—
Pure white with spotted foliage.			
Zantedeschia Angustiloba <i>Arum</i>	2/6		—
Yellow with dark blotch in spathe.			
Zantedeschia Elliottiana <i>Arum</i>	3/6		36/-
A beautiful species, having dark green leaves with silvery spots and deep yellow spathe, making a very showy flower.			
Zantedeschia Rehmanni <i>Arum</i>	2/6		—
A comparatively small variety with lanceolate leaves, flowers vary from bright pink to deep maroon.			
Zantedeschia Sancta <i>Arum</i>	3/6		36/-
The black Arum.			
Zantedeschia Solfaterre <i>Arum</i>	2/6		—
Light yellow with black centre, strong grower.			

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CANNAS.

Assorted dozens supplied at the dozen rates.

	Price each	doz.
Bridesmaid ... Pale rose-pink, bronze foliage.	1/6	15/-
Bronze Giant ... Orange-scarlet, small flower, dense bronze foliage, splendid for back lines, a perfect setting for other varieties, tall, 8 ft.	9d	6/-
	Per 100	30/-
Buff Orpington ... Buff fading to pale pink.	1/-	9/-
Cerise King ... Cerise, green foliage.	2/-	18/-
Citron King ... Deep citron self, bronze foliage.	1/-	9/-
Comte Horace ... Bright scarlet, with an orange tinge, dark green foliage, strong grower, 4 ft.	1/-	9/-
Conqueror ... Deep red, bronze foliage.	1/6	15/-
Eureka ... Creamy white, perfectly formed flowers, green foliage.	1/-	9/-
Felicia ... Deep rose-pink, orchid-flowering, green foliage.	1/6	15/-
Firebird ... Pure scarlet, perfectly formed Amaryllis-like bloom, considered the best Canna in existence, green foliage.	2/-	18/-
Gaiety ... Reddish orange, mottled carmine and yellow, green foliage, similar to "Souv. de Lange."	1/-	9/-
J. B. van der Schoot ... Dark citron-yellow spotted purplish red, extra broad flowers, very large, very broad green foliage.	9d	6/-

CANNAS.		Price each	doz.
King Humbert ...	Brilliant orange-scarlet with bright red markings, gigantic flowers, bronze foliage, excellent.	1/-	9/-
King of the Scarlets ...	Brilliant scarlet, green foliage, probably the best of this colour. Per 100 40/-	9d	6/-
Oiseau de Feu ...	Apricot, large truss, dark green foliage, 4 ft. Per 100 30/-	9d	6/-
Oiseau d'Or ...	Golden yellow, large flower, green foliage, 3 ft.	1/-	9/-
Pendulous ...	Cerise, drooping, large green foliage.	1/-	9/-
Rosebank Surprise ...	Deep orange-salmon, green foliage.	1/6	15/-
Rose Queen ...	Bright rose-pink, green foliage. Per 100 30/-	9d	6/-
Ryecroft Beauty ...	Orange-salmon, flowers very fine, foliage brown.	2/-	21/-
Salmon King ...	Bright salmon-pink, foliage tinged with bronze. Per 100 40/-	9d	6/-
Scarlet Glow ...	Clear scarlet, bright shade, green foliage, good grower, 3 ft.	1/6	15/-
Souvenir de F. Lange ...	Flowers orange-red golden-edged, foliage green,	1/-	9/-
Stadsrad Heinrich ...	Orange-scarlet, bronze foliage, strong grower, 4 ft.	1/6	15/-

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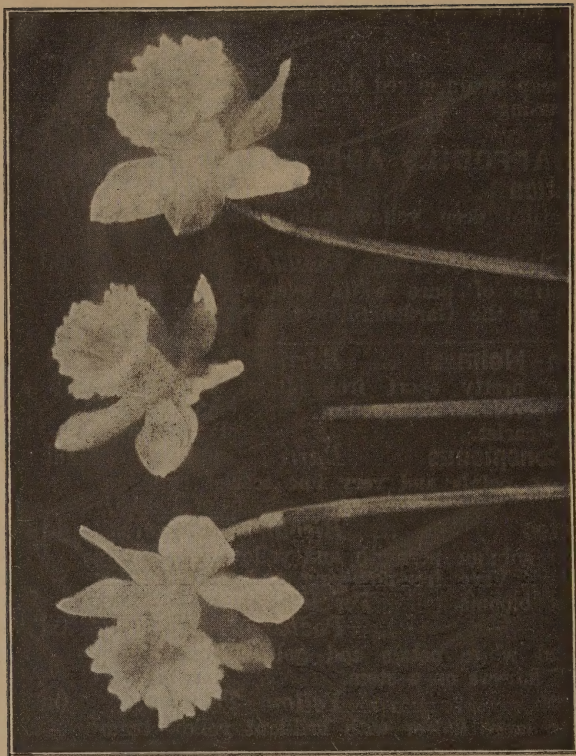
CANNAS.

	Price each	doz.
Yellow King ...	9d	6/-
Pale yellow self, green foliage.		
	Per 100 30/-	
Cannas	—	3/6
A cheap strain in red shades and yellow shades for massing.	Per 100 17/6	

DAFFODILS AND OTHER NARCISSI.

Admiration ...	<i>Poetaz Hybrid</i>	1/6	15/-
Beautiful deep yellow with conspicuous red eye.			
Alba Plena Odorata ...	<i>Double</i>	6d	4/6
Rosettes of pure white over-lapping petals, known as the Gardenia-flowered Narcissus.			
	Per 100 30/-		
Barbara Holmes ...	<i>Barri</i>	6d	4/6
Very pretty sport from Barri Conspicuous, white perianth and yellow cup, edged bright orange-scarlet.			
	Per 100 30/-		
Barri Conspicuous ...	<i>Barri</i>	6d	3/6
Yellow petals and very fine scarlet cup.			
	Per 100 25/-		
Cervantes ...	<i>Bicolor Trumpet</i>	4d	2/-
Clear sulphur perianth and yellow cup, nicely frilled. Very free-flowering and produces the earliest blooms.			
	Per 100 12/6, 1000 100/-		
Elvira ...	<i>Poetaz Hybrid</i>	6d	5/-
Broad white petals and golden yellow cup, 4 to 6 flowers on a stem.			
	Per 100 36/-		
Emperor ...	<i>Yellow Trumpet</i>	6d	4/-
Very large flower with brilliant yellow trumpet.			
	Per 100 25/-		

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DAFFODIL "KING ALFRED."

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		Price each	doz.
Empress	... <i>Bicolor Trumpet</i>	6d	4/-
Large flower with white perianth and rich yellow trumpet. Per 100 25/-			
Fairy Queen	... <i>Leedsii</i>	1	10/6
Flowers pure white, resembling those of a Eucharis.			
Figaro	... <i>Incomparabilis</i>	6d	3/6
One of the finest of this type, yellow petals and scarlet-rimmed cup. Per 100 25/-			
Golden Spur	... <i>Yellow Trumpet</i>	6d	4/-
Large flower with deep yellow trumpet, early and very fine. Per 100 25/-			
Grand Primo	... <i>Polyanthus</i>	3d	1/-
A cluster-flowered Narciss, white with primrose-yellow cup. Per 100 4/-; 1000 30/-			
Grand Soleil d'Or	... <i>Polyanthus</i>	6d	4/-
Cluster-flowered, yellow with orange cup. Per 100 25/-			
Horsfieldi	... <i>Bicolor Trumpet</i>	6d	4/6
Rich golden yellow trumpet and white perianth. Per 100 30/-			
King Alfred	... <i>Yellow Trumpet</i>	2/6	25 -
The Giant Golden Trumpet Daffodil, great size and substance, intense rich gold, a great prize winner.			
Klondyke	... <i>Poetaz Hybrid</i>	1/-	10/-
Yellow, deep golden cup, 6 to 7 flowers on a stem, the finest yellow in this class.			
Lucifer	... <i>Incomparabilis</i>	6d	4/6
Perianth white, cup intense glowing orange, strong grower, long stems. Per 100 30/-			
Madame de Graaff	... <i>Sulphur White</i>	6d	4/6
Petals pure white, beautiful form, one of the most beautiful of this form. Per 100 32/6			

DAFFODILS.

		Price each	doz
Madame Plemp ... <i>Bicolor Trumpet</i>		1/-	9/-
White petals and golden yellow trumpet. fine for cut-flowers.			
Maximus ... <i>Yellow Trumpet</i>		6d	4/-
Deep golden yellow. one of the finest of the yellow trumpets. Per 100 25/-			
Mrs. Langtree ... <i>Leeds</i>		6d	4/6
Pure white. Per 100 32/6			
Mrs. W. T. Ware ... <i>Bicolor Trumpet</i>		6d	4/6
Early and very free flowering. Per 100 32/6			
Odorus Giganteus ... <i>Campernel</i>		1/-	9/-
Beautiful flowers. of ideal form, larger than Odorus Regulosus.			
Odorus Regulosus ... <i>Campernel</i>		6d	3/-
The Campernel Jonquil, large-flowering type. golden yellow, early and free-flowering. Per 100 20/-			
Odorus Regulosus			
Plenus <i>Campernel</i>		6d	4/-
Double Campernel Jonquil. Per 100 30/-			
Orange Phoenix ... <i>Double</i>		6d	3/-
(Eggs and Bacon.) Large rose-shaped flow- ers. white. with rich reddish-orange centre. Per 100 20/-			
Paper White ... <i>Polyanthus</i> ...		3d	2/-
Pure white, cluster-flowered, splendid cut- flower. Per 100 10/-; 1000 80/-			
Princeps ... <i>Bicolor Trumpet</i>		4d	2/6
Primrose perianth and yellow trumpet, superb early-flowering variety. Per 100 17/6			
Princess Ida ... <i>Sulphur White</i>		6d	4/6
Splendid white sulphur-tinted trumpet, very free flowering. Per 100 30/-			

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		Price each	doz.
Seagull ... <i>Barri</i>		6d	4/6
White perianth, expanded canary yellow cup, free-flowering and tall. Per 100 30/-			
Sir Francis Drake ... <i>Yellow Trumpet</i>		3 6	—
Bold flower, deep canary-yellow throughout, a little later than "King Alfred."			
Sir Watkin ... <i>Incomparabilis</i>		6d	4/6
The largest and finest of this type, long stems and a magnificent bloom. Per 100 32/6			
Snowdrops ... <i>Leucojum</i>		3d	1 -
Pretty white bell-shaped flowers tipped green, six or more on a scape 1 ft. long. Per 100 4/6; 1,000 40/-			
Southern Gem ... <i>Leedsii</i>		1/-	9/-
White perianth with large* lemon-coloured crown. Per 100 60/-			
Triumph ... <i>Poetaz Hybrid</i>		9d	6/-
Pure white with deep yellow eye, largest flowers in this class, 3 to 4 on a stem.			
Van Waveren's Giant <i>Yellow Trumpet</i>		4/-	—
Produces the largest flower of all daffodils, light yellow perianth, dark golden trumpet.			
Victoria ... <i>Bicolor Trumpet</i>		6d	4/6
Fine yellow trumpet and white petals, free-flowering. Per 100 30/-			
William Goldring ... <i>Sulphur-White</i>		6d	4/6
Creamy white, very fine for bedding. Per 100 32/6			
Finest Mixture of All Daffodils		—	2/6
We supply an excellent assortment from our fine collection. Per 100 17/6			
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GLADIOLI.

In this section we are listing a very fine range of all the most popular hybrid types as well as a choice range of individually named varieties of fine exhibition type. There is no more satisfying hobby than the cultivation of these intensely beautiful flowers and in South Africa they thrive as they do nowhere else for it is the home of numerous native species and the climate is quite suitable.

In over-seas catalogues most of the dwarf types are described as "early-flowering," but we think the term misleading for South Africa and from our experience we would suggest that most of the dwarf varieties will be found useful for spring planting to flower in summer after the larger types have finished blooming, thus providing a longer flowering period for these popular plants.

		Price each	doz.
Ada	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	8d	6/6
	Satiny white with a pink blotch inside, very attractive.		
Alice Tiplady	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	1/6	15/-
	Beautiful orange-saffron, splendid for cut-flower.		
America	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	2/6
	Bright lilac-rose, very large spikes.		
Anny Wigman	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3/6
	Light yellow with a white throat.		
Apollon	... <i>Dwarf</i>	6d	4/6
	Orange, violet and white.		
Apricot	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	6d	4/6
	Colour apricot, a fine flower on a good stem.		
Argo	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	1/6	15/-
	Delicate pink, tall spike, large flowers.		

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		Price each	doz.
Asia	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	4/-	—
Rich cerise, inside silvery rose with pale base, well-shaped flowers on tall graceful stem.			
Attraction	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	9d	7/6
Bright dark carmine-red with large white throat blotch on the three lower petals; gives a tall and well-furnished spike.			
Augusta	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3/6
Pure white with lavender anthers, strong spike, often branched. In South Africa the colour often extends to the petals.			
Aurora	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	6d	4/6
A beautiful orange-yellow flower of great substance and highly decorative.			
Baron Jules Hulot	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3/6
Rich indigo blue, vigorous grower giving a tall spike and large flowers.			
Bleu Celeste	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	2 -	20 -
Clear violet-blue shaded with white, tall stem, large flowers beautifully placed on the stem without crowding.			
Blue Jay	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	1/-	10/-
Deep violet, beautifully shaded, immense flowers.			
Blushing Bride	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3 -
Same as "Willy Wigman." Creamy white with soft carmine blotch.			
Brilliant	... <i>Dwarf</i>	6d	3/-
Bright scarlet.			
Brimstone	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	9d	7/-
Light yellow, flowers of medium size.			
Bronze Queen	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	2/6	—
Beautiful bronze, shapely flowers on an elegant stem.			

GLADIOLI.

		Price each	doz.
Captain Fryatt ...	<i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3/6
A very fine dark red.			
Cattleya ...	<i>Garden Hybrid</i>	1/6	15/-
Soft lilac-rose with white blotch, very attractive colour.			
Chris ...	<i>Garden Hybrid</i>	8d	6
Clear velvet-red with carmine shading.			
Clear Eye ...	<i>Garden Hybrid</i>	1/-	10
Brilliant scarlet with pure white blotch, large wide open flowers well placed on the stem.			
Colvilli Alba			
(The Bride) Dwarf		6d	4
Pure white, splendid for forcing for early bloom.			
Colvilli Rubra ...	<i>Dwarf</i>	6d	5
Rosy purple with darker shading and white stripes.			
Conqueror ...	<i>Garden Hybrid</i>	1/6	15/-
Dark flesh-pink large wide open blooms of great substance.			
Crimson Glow ...	<i>Garden Hybrid</i>	2	20
A perfect scarlet of a deep tone, large open flowers of finest form.			
Dawn ...	<i>Garden Hybrid</i>	9d	7/6
A long and graceful spike of salmon-pink flowers all open at practically the same time.			
Delicate ...	<i>Garden Hybrid</i>	2	20
Beautiful soft pink with darker centre, tall stem and very fine for table decoration.			
Delicatissima ...	<i>Dwarf</i>	9d	7
"Blushing Bride," light rose spotted white, splendid market variety.			

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Delicatissima			
Superbissima	<i>Dwarf</i>	9d	7/-
Like "Blushing Bride," but finer bloom.			
Electra	<i>... Garden Hybrid</i>	8d	6/-
A beautiful orange-red with small spot of white on the lower petal.			
Empress of India	<i>... Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3/6
Dark brown and black, very fine.			
Faust	<i>... Garden Hybrid</i>	8d	5 -
Dark velvet red, large flower.			
Feu Ardent	<i>... Primulinus Hybrid</i>	4 -	- -
Beautiful carmine-red, good substance, very striking.			
Fiery Knight	<i>... Dwarf</i>	10d	8/-
Bright scarlet and vermillion.			
Fire Queen	<i>... Primulinus Hybrid</i>	9d	7/6
A splendid bright scarlet primulinus, very fine.			
Flora	<i>... Garden Hybrid</i>	9d	7/6
Beautiful soft yellow, large open flower of good form and substance, one of the best of this colour.			
Generaal De Wet	<i>... Garden Hybrid</i>	2/-	20/-
Apricot-rose, flowers well shaped and open, the petals being somewhat recurved, a grand variety.			
Gigantic	<i>... Garden Hybrid</i>	6/6	—
Bright rosy red shaded salmon. Probably the largest of all Gladioli.			
Glory of Holland	<i>... Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	4/-
Pure white, large flower.			
Golden Crown	<i>... Primulinus Hybrid</i>	8d	6/-
Bright yellow shaded brown, not very tall, excellent cut-flower.			

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		Price each	doz.
Golden Drop	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	1/3	12/6
Large drooping golden yellow flowers of great beauty, very attractive.			
Golden West	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	8d	6/-
Bright orange with small blue-black spots on the lower petals.			
Halley	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	4d	2/6
Bright orange-rose with a yellowish tint in the throat; produces immense spikes of large blooms.			
	Per 100	17/6	
Herada	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	2/-	20/-
Pure clear glistening mauve, immense blooms on tall straight stems, very striking.			
Hollandia	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	1/-	10/-
Pale buff lined slightly with reddish stripes, immense spikes produced late in the season.			
Imperator	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	2/6	25/-
The largest white gladiolus, a superb bloom of great substance, splendid for exhibition.			
Insurpassable	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	2/-	20/-
Bright pink, shaded silvery white; tall slender stems with large and well expanded blooms.			
Kitty Grullemans	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	2/-	20/-
A beautiful combination of bright orange and clear yellow flowers of great size and beauty.			
King of the Blues	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	3/6	36/-
Violet and white, one of the finest of the colour.			
Klondyke	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	1/-	10/-
Deep yellow with crimson-maroon blotch.			
Liebesfeuer	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	9d	8/-
(Lovefire.) Brilliant red, very large flower.			

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Lily Lehman	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3/6
Creamy white, large open flower.			
L'Immaculee	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	5/-
Pure white flowers, splendid for cutting.			
Lord Nelson	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	1/6	15/-
Clear orange, the lower petals shaded yellow, a very fine variety with flowers of exquisite form and well placed on the stem.			
Louis XIV.	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	4/6	—
Dark purple flushed bronze with a dark shade of golden brown, a distinct novelty.			
Loveliness	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	9d	7/6
A magnificent exhibition flower, its beautiful white buds, on opening, are a delight to the eye.			
L'Unique	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	1/3	12/6
Creamy yellow overlaid with a bronze shading, most attractive.			
Madame Herriot	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	6/-	—
Clear salmon-orange, very fine.			
Madame Petain	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	1/6	15/-
Soft rosy lilac, flushed silvery white, very graceful.			
Maiden's Blush	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	6d	4/-
(Enchantress.) Beautiful delicate pink, stems tall and slender, splendid cut-flower.			
Majestic	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	1/-	10/-
Colour a beautiful delicate shade of orange.			
Mr. Johan Spoor	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	2/-	20/-
A pure golden yellow of good form.			
Mrs. Francis King	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	4/-
Large orange-red flowers, very fine for forcing for early bloom.			

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		Price each	doz.
Mrs. Grullemans ...	<i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	1	9
Pure golden yellow, good habit, very attractive.			
Mrs. Potter Palmer ...	<i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6/6	—
Deep purple-violet, a most beautiful flower.			
Muriel ...	<i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6/6	—
Porcelain-lilac with violet-blue spots on a soft coloured ground, making a lovely contrast, large.			
Niagara ...	<i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3/6
Large creamy white flowers.			
Orange Brilliant ...	<i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	6d	4
A most attractive variety, the name amply describes its colour.			
Orange King ...	<i>Garden Hybrid</i>	3 6	35
Pure orange, large and free flowering, very early.			
Painted Lady ...	<i>Dwarf</i>	6d	4/6
White with pink markings in the lower petal, a very beautiful South African variety.			
Panama ...	<i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3/6
A seedling from "America." It resembles the parent variety but is a deeper pink.			
Peace ...	<i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3/-
A grand white with claret blotch and pale lilac feathering on the lower petals.			
Peach Blossom ...	<i>Dwarf</i>	4d	2/6
Rose, early, splendid for cut-flower.			
Pink Beauty ...	<i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	4/6
Bright carmine-rose with deeper blotch, very early.			
Pride of Haarlem ...	<i>Garden Hybrid</i>	3/-	30/-
Rich salmon-cherry-red shaded with fawn, a grand new variety.			

GLADIOLI.

		Price each	doz.
Prince of Orange	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	1/3	12/6
A perfect orange and considered the best of its colour, flowers well open and gracefully arranged.			
Prince of Wales	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3 -
Beautiful salmon-red shaded silvery white.			
Queen Victoria	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	8d	6/6
A brilliant scarlet, flaked white.			
Reine Victoria	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	1/-	10 -
Deep pink shaded silvery rose, flowers larger than usual for this type but of a most beautiful form.			
Rose Luisante	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	8d	6/-
Brilliant deep rose-pink shaded white, a flower of great beauty and refinement.			
Schwaben	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	4/6
Clear citron-yellow, a very strong grower.			
Sulphur King	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	1/6	15/-
Produces a very long spike of the clearest sulphur-yellow flowers.			
Sunrise	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	1/-	10 -
Light yellow shaded orange, fringed flowers, very attractive.			
Sylphide	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	1/6	15/-
Beautiful bronze and brown.			
Vesuvius	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	9d	7/6
Brilliant red.			
Victor Hessen	... <i>Dwarf</i>	6d	4 -
Orange, spotted white.			
Violet Queen	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	1/3	12/6
Clear violet, well opened flowers on medium stem, very attractive.			

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GLADIOLI.

		Price each	doz.
Violet Wonder	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	10/6	—
Clear violet, a remarkable variety of good habit and very graceful.			
Vulcan	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	3/6	—
Red shaded salmon with a small yellow blotch in the throat.			
War	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3/-
Deep blood red, shaded crimson-black.			
White City	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	9d	7/6
Pure white.			
White Giant	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	9d	7/6
A white variety of great excellence.			
White Glory	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	3/-	—
A beautiful white with an iris-blue throat, very fine.			
Willy Wigman	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	—	—
(See "Blushing Bride.")			
Rosebank Mixture	...	---	5/-
An assortment of superior varieties from our grand collection.			
		Per 100 35/-	

	Price per doz.	100
Childsi Hybrids	3/-	20/-
Gandavensis Hybrids	3/-	20/-
Lemoine's Hybrids...	3/-	20/-
Nanceianus Hybrids	2/6	18/6
A fine race, producing flowers of great size and brilliant colours, heavily spotted.		
Primulinus Hybrids...	3/-	22/6
A new race of hybrids produced by crossing the beautiful primrose-yellow "Gladiolus primulinus" with some of the best garden varieties.		
Mixed Hybrids	3/6	25/-
Including some very fine varieties.		

HYACINTHS.

		Price each	doz.
City of Haarlem ... <i>Single</i>	Bright golden yellow.	1/3	12/6
General Vetter ... <i>Single</i>	Blush white, large truss.	1/3	12/6
Gertrude ... <i>Single</i>	Carmine-rose, large spike.	1/3	12/6
Gigantea ... <i>Single</i>	Pale rose, large spike.	1/3	12/6
Grand Maitre ... <i>Single</i>	Deep porcelain blue, very fine.	1/3	12/6
King of the Blues ... <i>Single</i>	Bright dark blue.	1/3	12/6
King of the Yellows ... <i>Single</i>	Fine deep yellow.	1/3	12/6
Lady Derby ... <i>Single</i>	Soft blush shaded pink, splendid spike with large bells.	1/3	12/6
La Grandesse ... <i>Single</i>	Pure white, long full spike of splendid form.	1/3	12/6
La Victoire ... <i>Single</i>	Bright glistening red, a beautiful and brilliant variety.	1/3	12/6
L'Esperance ... <i>Single</i>	Purple.	1/3	12/6
L'Innocence ... <i>Single</i>	Pure white, a fine truss with large bells.	9d	7/6
Marie ... <i>Single</i>	Dark blue.	1/3	12/6

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HYACINTHS.

		Price each	doz
Mauve Queen ... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
(Henriette.) Mauve.			
Moreno ... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
Bright pink with darker stripe. large bells and spike.			
Queen of the Blues ... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
Beautiful light porcelain blue. large compact spike with bells of medium size.			
Queen of the Pinks ... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
Lovely pink, large truss and strong stem. very fine.			
Regulus ... <i>Single</i>		1/-	10/-
Clear blue.	Per 100	75/-	
Roi Des Belges ... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
Clear rosy crimson.			
Yellow Hammer ... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
One of the best of this colour.			
Zulu King ... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
Deep purple.			
Double Dark Red ...		1/-	10/-
Double White ...		1/-	10/-
Double Dark Blue ...		1/-	10/-
Single Dark Red ...		1/3	12/6
Single Rose ...		1/-	10/-
Single White ...		1/-	10/-
Single Dark Blue ...		1/-	10/-
Single Yellow ...		1/-	10/-

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IRISES.

Bulbous Section.

		Price each	doz.
Anton Mauve	... <i>Dutch</i>	4d	3/-
Soft blue, very fine.	Per 100	20/-	
Bakker Korff	... <i>Dutch</i>	6d	4/-
Creamy white, shaded light blue, large flower on strong stem.	Per 100	25/-	
Bronze King	... <i>Spanish</i>	4d	2/6
Orange and bronze.	Per 100	15/-	
Cajanus	... <i>Spanish</i>	4d	2/6
Golden yellow, very tall grower.	Per 100	15/-	
Count of Nassau	... <i>Spanish</i>	4d	2/6
The best dark blue, sweetly scented.	Per 100	15/-	
Filifolia Alba	...	1/-	10/-
Pure white, very scarce.			
Filifolia (Blue)	...	6d	4/6
Beautiful sky-blue, large flowers on strong stems.			
Flora	... <i>Spanish</i>	4d	2/-
Light blue and white, very large.	Per 100	12/6	
Frans Hals	... <i>Dutch</i>	4d	2/6
Standard light pearly blue, falls cream with large orange blotch.	Per 100	15/-	
Hercules	... <i>Spanish</i>	4d	2/-
Bronze and violet.	Per 100	12/6	
Jan Steen	... <i>Dutch</i>	6d	3/6
White standards and clear citron yellow falls.			
Leander	... <i>Spanish</i>	4d	2/-
Dark yellow.	Per 100	12/6	
Mont Blanc	... <i>English</i>	6d	4/-
Pure white.	Per 100	25/-	

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IRISES.

		Price each	doz.
Prince Hendrik ... <i>Spanish</i>		6d	4/6
Large purplish bronze, one of the best of the bronze varieties.			
Queen Wilhelmina ... <i>Spanish</i>		4d	2/6
Pure white, strong grower.	Per 100	15/-	
Rembrandt ... <i>Dutch</i>		4d	2/6
Purple blue standards, falls blue with conspicuous orange blotch.	Per 100	15/-	
Siam ... <i>Spanish</i>		4d	2/6
Dark purple.	Per 100	15/-	
Snowball ... <i>Spanish</i>		4d	2/6
Pure white, very fine.	Per 100	15/-	
Souvenir ... <i>Spanish</i>		4d	2/-
Light blue, very fine.	Per 100	12/6	
Surbiton ... <i>Spanish</i>		4d	2/6
Very dark yellow.	Per 100	15/-	
Tingitana ...		9d	6/-
Pale lilac-blue, bulbous.	Per 100	40/-	
Spanish Iris Mixed		—	2/-
	Per 100	12/6	

Rhizomatous Section.

REGELIO-CYCLUS GROUP.

Artemis ... <i>Regelio-Cyclus</i>	4/-	—
Violet-purple, veined dark purple with black spots, tall, large flower.		
Beatrix ... <i>Regelio-Cyclus</i>	3/-	—
Soft pearl grey with dark violet veining.		
Charon ... <i>Regelio-Cyclus</i>	2/-	—
Dark brown, veined black.		
Hecate ... <i>Regelio-Cyclus</i>	3/-	—
Upper petals soft rosy white, lower petals veined brown and bronze on a silvery ground.		

IRISES.

		Price each	doz
Hera	... <i>Regelio-Cyclus</i>	3/-	30/-
A beautiful ruby red shaded bronze-blue.			
Isis	... <i>Regelio-Cyclus</i>	6/6	—
Ruby red with grey and purple veins, very large.			
Parthenope	... <i>Regelio-Cyclus</i>	1/6	15/-
Lilac and white, veined purple.			
Psyche	... <i>Regelio-Cyclus</i>	4/-	40/-
Silvery white ground, brown veining.			
Saturnus	... <i>Regelio Cyclus</i>	2/-	18/-
Light violet, veined purple and netted silver-grey.			
Una	... <i>Regelio-Cyclus</i>	2/6	25/-
Dark brown with violet veining.			

Miscellaneous.

Alcazer	... <i>Squalens</i>	2/-	18/-
Light blue and bronze.			
Askabad	... <i>Germanica</i>	1/6	—
Light blue shaded purple, very large flower.			
Aurea (Variegata)	... <i>Barbata</i>	1/6	—
Golden yellow.			
Celeste	... <i>Pallida</i>	1/6	—
Sky blue.			
Cherubim	... <i>Neglecta</i>	2/-	—
Violet and red.			
Coerulea	... <i>Pumila</i>	1/-	10/-
Clear blue.			
Dalmatica	... <i>Pallida</i>	2/6	—
(Princess Beatrice).			
Darius (Variegata)	... <i>Barbata</i>	1/6	—
Yellow and lilac.			

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IRISES.

		Price each	doz.
Florentina	... <i>Barbata</i>	6d	4/-
Large white, sweet scented, tall grower.			
	Per 100	25/-	
Floribunda	... <i>Pumila</i>	1/-	10/-
Pure yellow.			
Foetidissima	... <i>Beardless</i>	1/6	—
A beautiful British species, flower stems 2 to 3 feet high, flowers usually bluish lilac or purple.			
Fontarable	... <i>Germanica</i>	2/-	17/6
Blue and violet, free flowering.			
Gigantea	... <i>Beardless</i>	6d	2/6
(Ochroleuca). Bright yellow, very tall grower.			
	Per 100	15/-	
Helge	... <i>Intermedia</i>	1/6	15/-
Light citron with violet centre.			
Her Majesty	... <i>Pallida</i>	1/6	—
A beautiful rose coloured variety.			
Iris King	... <i>Variegata</i>	3/-	30/-
A very striking variety.			
Jacquiniana	... <i>Squalens</i>	2/6	25/-
Carmine, bronze and brown.			
Japanese Iris	... <i>Kacmpferi</i>	9d	7/6
Fine mixed seedlings.			
Lutea	... <i>Pumila</i>	1/-	10/-
Yellow.			
Macrantha	... <i>Germanica</i>	1/-	10/-
Pale blue, very large flower.			
Monsignor	... <i>Neglecta</i>	2/-	20/-
Clear bluish violet.			
Mrs. Reuthe	... <i>Plicata</i>	1/3	12/6
White, edged light blue, large flower.			

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IRISES.

		Price each	doz.
Pumila (Mixed) ...		6d	4/6
	Per 100	30/-	
Purple King ... <i>Germanica</i>		1/-	10/-
(Atroviolacea). Purple-violet.			
Solfaterre ... <i>Intermedia</i>		2/-	—
Creamy yellow, large-flowering.			
Stylosa, Mauve ... <i>Beardless</i>		3d	1/6
A beautiful Algerian Iris of dwarf habit, grass-like foliage, lovely mauve flowers on slender stems up to 12 inches, autumn-flowering.	Per 100	10/-	
Susiana ... <i>Oncocyclus</i>		1/6	—
The Mourning Iris. Dark silver-grey, beautifully netted and veined.			
Unguicularis ... See <i>Stylosa</i>		—	—

IXIA (Kalossie).

Althaea ...		4d	2 -
White with purple eye.	Per 100	12/6	
Bridesmaid ...		4d	2/-
White with carmine eye.	Per 100	12/6	
Bronze Queen ...		4d	2/-
Terra cotta.	Per 100	12/6.	
Christine ...		4d	2/6
Pale blue with maroon eye.	Per 100	17/6	
Conqueror ...		4d	2/-
Brownish red with yellow centre.	Per 100	12/6	
Galatea ...		6d	4/-
White with blue centre, late.	Per 100	30/-	

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IXIAS.

		Price each	doz.
Golden Queen ...		6d	3/-
Deep orange.	Per 100	20/-	
Maculata ...		6d	4/-
Yellow with black centre.	Per 100	30/-	
Vulcan		4d	2/-
Scarlet, shaded orange.	Per 100	12/6	
Wonder		6d	4/-
Brilliant pink, double.		—	2/-
Finest Mixture ...	Per 100	12/6	

RANUNCULUS.

Alexander Dumas ... <i>French</i>		3d	1/6
Scarlet, shaded orange.	Per 100	8/6	
Belladonna ... <i>Scotch</i>		6d	2/6
Violet striped.	Per 100	18/6	
Emperor of China ... <i>French</i>		4d	1/6
Pure yellow.	Per 100	7/6	
Fire Ball ... <i>Persian</i>		3d	1/6
Vermilion, large flower.	Per 100	10/-	
Galitzin ... <i>Scotch</i>		6d	2/6
Yellow striped brown.	Per 100	18/6	
Grandiflora		4d	2/-
(Grootvorst) <i>Turban</i>			
Carmine.	Per 100	15/-	
Hercules ... <i>Turban</i>		4d	2/-
White.	Per 100	15/-	
Hertog Karel ... <i>Scotch</i>		6d	2/6
Violet striped.	Per 100	18/6	

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RANUNCULUS.

		Price each	doz.
Koh-i-Noor ... <i>Scotch</i>		8d	5/-
White with violet edge.	Per 100	35/-	
Lady Howard ... <i>Persian</i>		4d	2/-
Rosy carmine.	Per 100	15/-	
La Grandesse ... <i>French</i>		4d	2/-
Creamy white.	Per 100	12/6	
L'Etincelante ... <i>French</i>		3d	1/6
Scarlet.	Per 100	10/-	
Maria Catharina ... <i>French</i>		3d	1/6
Light pink.	Per 100	10/-	
Mathilda ... <i>Persian</i>		4d	2/-
Salmon pink.	Per 100	15/-	
Orange Brilliant ... <i>Persian</i>		3d	1/6
Deep yellow, tinged orange, black centre.	Per 100	10/-	
Romano ... <i>Turban</i>		4d	2/-
Scarlet.	Per 100	15/-	
Seraphique ... <i>Turban</i>		4d	2/-
Citron.	Per 100	15/-	
Vermilion Brilliant ... <i>French</i>		3d	1/6
Vermilion-red.	Per 100	8/6	
Viridiflora ... <i>Turban</i>		4d	2/-
Scarlet with greenish centre.	Per 100	15/-	
	Price per doz.	100	
French, Finest mixed		1/-	6/6
Persian, Finest mixed		1/6	10/-
Scotch, Finest mixed		2/6	18/-
Turban, Finest mixed		1/6	7/6

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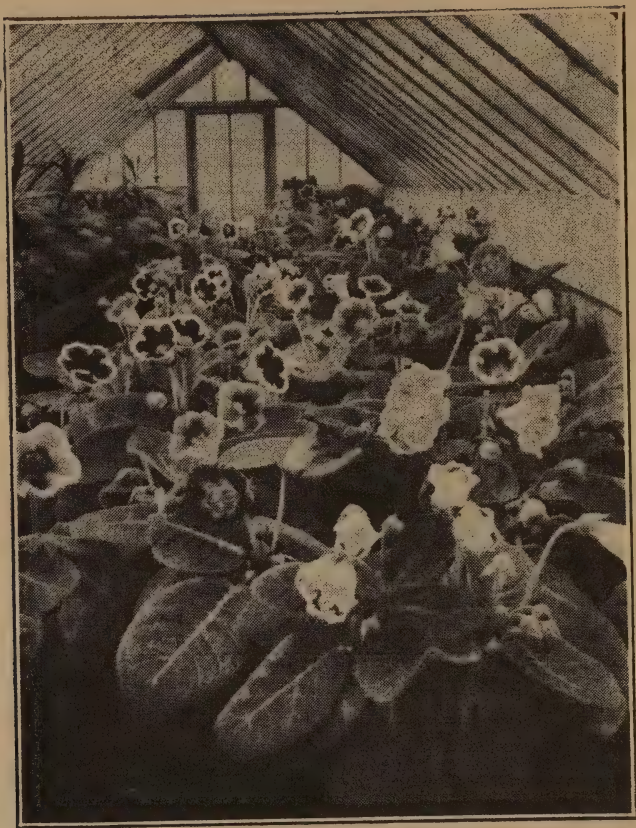
WATSONIAS.

		Price each	doz.
Adelaide	... Cronin Hybrid	2/-	18/-
Orange-scarlet.			
Melbourne	... Cronin Hybrid	2/-	18/-
Buff, shaded salmon.			
Sydney	... Cronin Hybrid	2/-	18/-
Ruby-magenta, large flower.			
Watsonia Angusta	... "Scarlet"	3d	1/6
Gives a very fine spike of scarlet flowers.			
Per 100 7/6; 1,000 60/-			
Watsonia Iridifolia	...	3d	1/6
A very pretty species with characteristic flowers, greenish ivory colour on opening changing to cream.			
Per 100 10/6			
Watsonia Meriana	... "Saurknol"	3d	1/6
Narrow-tubed flowers of a delicate crushed strawberry shade. Colour is somewhat variable in this species.			
Per 100 7/6; 1,000 60/-			
Watsonia Rosea	...	3d	1/6
The Pink Watsonia of Table Mountain, very showy.			
Per 100 7/6; 1,000 60/-			
Watsonia Rosea		3d	1/6
var. Alba			
Arderne's Watsonia. This is a beautiful white Watsonia, introduced into cultivation by the late Mr. H. M. Arderne.			
Per 100 7/6; 1,000 60/-			

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MISCELLANEOUS.

		Price each	doz.
Agapanthus	<i>African Lily</i>	9d	7/6
Magnificent umbels of blue flowers, veined lighter blue, borne on a tall scape. A very striking plant. Also a white variety.			
	Per 100	55/-	
Amaryllis Belladonna	<i>March Lily</i>	9d	6
Bears six to twelve sweetly scented funnel-shaped flowers on a tall stem, colour varies from almost white to deep pink. Per 100			
	42/-		
Antholyza Præalta...	<i>Cape Antholyza</i>	3d	1/-
Showy orange-red blooms, well above the foliage. Thrives in shady positions, but the best blooms are produced in the open.			
	Per 100	5/-; 1,000	42/-
Aponogeton			
	Distachyon <i>Cape Pondweed</i>	9d	
Sweet-scented white flowers during winter. leaves float on the surface of the water.			
Babiana, Cream	...	4d	2/6
Yellow, fading to cream.	Per 100	25/-	
Babiana, Purple	...	6d	4/-
With scarlet centre, very fine.	Per 100	30/-	
Babiana, Purple Self		6d	4/-
A striking variety.	Per 100	30/-	
Babiana Stricta	...	4d	2/6
Light blue.	Per 100	20/-	
Babiana, White	...	4d	2/6
Fine blooms.	Per 100	20/-	
Babiana, Mixed	...	—	2/6
Splendid mixture.	Per 100	20/-	
Begonia	... - <i>Tuberous</i>	1/-	10/-
From January onwards beautiful flowering specimens are on view at Ayres' Nurseries , Rosebank. In pots, 2/6 and 3/6 each.			



**A FINE BATCH OF GLOXINIAS
AT AYRES' NURSERIES, ROSEBANK.**

MISCELLANEOUS:

	Price each	doz.
Cannas	—	3/6
A cheap strain in red shades and yellow shades for massing. Per 100 17/6		
Clivia Hybrids	—	—
Beautiful funnel-shaped flowers borne in umbels on a stout stem, very striking colours in deep yellow and orange.		
	Each: 3/6, 5/- and 7/6	
Crinum Longifolium	2/-	18/-
Gives 6 to 8 large white flowers usually flushed with red, on a strong stem.		
Cyclamen ... <i>Hybrids</i>	—	—
We have a fine collection of these beautiful pot plants. Flowering specimens, in season, in pots, 2/6 to 5/- each; dry corms, 1/- each, 10/- per doz.		
Dierama Pendula ...	6d	4 6
Soft rosy-white funnel-shaped flowers drooping gracefully from threadlike stalks carried on a tall flower stem, a charming plant.		
Eremurus Himalaicus	3 6	—
Erect spikes of beautiful white flowers on a stout stem 5 ft. or more in height.		
Freesia Refracta	—	1/-
The sweetly scented blooms are produced in great profusion. Per 100 6/-; 1000 50/-		
Gloxinia ... <i>Hybrids</i>	—	—
A beautiful plant for pot culture. Flowering specimens in season, in pots, 3/6 to 5/- each; dry corms, 1/- each, 8/6 doz.		
Haemanthus		
Coccineus <i>Maartbloem</i>	2/6	25/-
Umbels of bright red flowers produced in early autumn before the leaves appear.		

MISCELLANEOUS.

	Price each	doz.
Hemerocallis ... <i>Day Lily</i>	6d	3/6
"Double Orange." The flowers are not lasting, but very pretty and of a striking colour. Per 100 25/-		
Hemerocallis ... <i>Day Lily</i>	6d	3/6
"The Monarch." A beautifully clear orange-yellow, single flower, opens out well and lasts longer than other varieties. Per 100 25/-		
Hippeastrum Hybrids	2 6	---
Magnificent trumpet flowers, usually about four on a tall stout stem, gorgeous colours. commonly called "Amaryllis."		
Lachenalia Pendula...	8d	5/-
Orange-red, tipped with green and purple.		
Lachenalia Tricolor...	6d	4/6
Flowers red, yellow and green, stems about 9 inches in height.		
Leucojum ... <i>Snowflake</i>	3d	1/-
Pretty white bell-shaped flowers tipped green. six or more on a scape about 1 ft. long. Per 100 4/6; 1,000 40/-		
Montbretia Mixed ...	3d	1/-
Mostly orange and scarlet shades; very graceful flowers for vase decoration. Per 100 6/-; 1,000 50/-		
Moraea Iridioides ...	2/6	---
Iris-like flowers opening successively on a tall stem, thus remaining in bloom for a long time.		
Nerine Alba ...	2/6	---
A beautiful and free-flowering white Nerine.		
Nerine "Pink" ...	1/-	10/-
A pretty variety of this beautiful flowering bulb.		

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MISCELLANEOUS.

	Price each	(doz.)
Nerine Sarniensis ...	1/-	10/-
Bright red, sparkling bloom.	Per 100 75/-	
Ornithogalum		
Arabicum	4d	2 6
The shining black ovary surrounded by the yellow anthers and creamy white petals make this a conspicuous flower.	Per 100 15/-	
Ornithogalum,		
Double White	1/-	10/-
A double form of the beautiful "Chinkerichee."		
Ornithogalum Lacteam	4d	2/6
"Darling" Chinkerichee. Gives a nicer bloom than the "Cape" variety, produced a few weeks later.	Per 100 15/-	
Ornithogalum		
Speciosum var. concolor	2/-	20/-
Bright orange-red, a very beautiful variety.		
Ornithogalum		
Thyrsoides	3d	1/6
"Cape" Chinkerichee. This is the early-flowering variety.	Per 100 8/6	
Pancratium ... <i>Spider Lily</i>	1 -	10 -
White. The stamens are attached to a delicate cup-shaped membrane, while the long narrow petals dangle below.	Per 100 60/-	
Scilla Campanulata ... <i>Spanish Bluebell</i>	3d	1 -
Beautiful bell-shaped flowers on slender scapes about 12 inches high, various shades.	Per 100 5/-	
Sparaxis		
Streptanthera " <i>Tangerine</i> "	4d	2/6
A beautiful Sparaxis of splendid form and lovely soft shade of tangerine.	Per 100 15/-	



Some blooms of

The Beautiful Cape Chinkerichee

shipped by **Charles Ayres**, Rosebank, on 23rd October, 1925. They arrived at destination in England on 12th November, 1925, and were photographed on 6th January, 1926, still in excellent condition

MISCELLANEOUS.

		Price each	doz.
Sparaxis	<i>Mixed</i>	3d	1/3
Beautiful Freesia-like	flowers in various		
colours.	Per 100	7/6	
Sprekelia			
Formosissima		1/3	12/-
A brilliant scarlet Amaryllid of exquisite form and very easy to grow in pots or open ground.			
	Per 100	80/-	
Strelitzia Reginae ...	<i>Crane Flower</i>	3/6	—
A peculiar flower resembling a crane's head, blue and gold tinted orange with a green sheath, a striking combination.			
Tritoma Rufa ...	<i>Red Hot Poker</i>	9d	7/6
Yellow and red, tall and slender stem, free-flowering.			
Tritoma Uvaria ...	<i>Red Hot Poker</i>	9d	7/6
Bolder flower and deeper colour than T. Rufa.			
Tritonia Hyalina ...		4d	2/6
Salmon-pink Tritonia. We consider this the most beautiful of the Tritonias.			
	Per 100	15/-	
Tritonia Lineata ...		—	6d
The Veined Tritonia. A strong grower and flowers freely.			
	Per 100	3/6; 1,000	30/-
Tulips ...		2/-	—
A few acclimatised bulbs, various colours, Darwin type.			
Vallota Purpurea ...	<i>Knysna Lily</i>	2/-	20/-
Bright scarlet funnel-shaped flowers on a tall scape, a charming plant.			
Zephyranthes Candida	<i>Swamp Lily</i>	—	6d
The pretty white flowers among the narrow dark green leaves make a fine show in mid-summer.			
	Per 100	3/6; 1,000	30/-

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GLADIOLUS "PAINTED LADY"
(Dwarf Type)

NOTES ON THE CHARACTERISTICS AND CULTIVATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN BULBOUS PLANTS.

Although South African plants have long been cultivated in Europe, and especially during the latter half of the eighteenth century, we are only just beginning to realise the horticultural possibilities of our native flora. And none too soon—for several of our rarest and most beautiful species are in danger of becoming extinct on account of our apathetic attitude towards the wholesale destruction of our wild flowers through indiscriminate and unorganised plucking and selling.

At present there are unmistakeable signs of a re-awakening of interest in South African plants. American horticultural magazines publish "special" articles, profusely illustrated, on the cultivation of various South African Irids of which many of our gardeners have never heard! In this movement we should take a proud and active part. The splendid work being done by the National Botanic Gardens at Kirstenbosch in the preservation of our flora and in experimental work on their cultivation deserves the recognition and encouragement of the ever-increasing body of enthusiastic growers of South African plants. In this connection the annual Journals of the Botanical Society, which exists to help Kirstenbosch, are full of valuable information, while, also under the auspices of the Society, demonstrations in gardening are held on the third Saturday afternoon in each month.

The following notes are limited to such of our native plants as appear in this catalogue.

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The term "bulbous," although more restricted in its botanical use, is applied generally speaking to all plants which have an underground root-stock for the purpose of storing food, commonly for use during the resting period when the plant dies down above ground. This underground rootstock is known as a "corm" when the stem has become modified as the storage organ. Plants possessing corms which appear in this Catalogue are Gladioli, including Africanders and Painted Ladies, Ixias, Watsonias, Antholyzas, Babianas, Dierama, Freesia, Sparaxis and Tritonias.

These all belong to the Iridaceae or Iris family, as can be seen by their possession of the following floral characters:—

- (a) parts arranged in threes.
- (b) inferior ovary.
- (c) a single row of three stamens.

Gladioli may be distinguished from other Irids by several characteristics e.g.,

- (a) The flowers are arranged in spikes.
- (b) The stigmas are unbranched.
- (c) The bracts (protecting the flower) are herbaceous.
- (d) The flower-segments are not all alike.
- (e) The tube of the flower is funnel-shaped.

Ixias again have membranous bracts, the flower segments alike and a narrow tube suddenly widening into a bowl.

The more familiar Watsonias are easily recognisable and have their stigmas two-branched.

Antholyzas are easily confused with Gladiolus and Watsonias, except that these not only have unbranched stigmas but a narrow tube, suddenly becoming cylindrical, and irregular flower-segments.

Babianas can always be recognised by their fan-folded leaves.

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In *Dierama* the flower is bell-shaped and the bracts membranous.

Freesia, like *Watsonia*, has the stigma branched, but instead of the spike being vertical it is here horizontal.

Sparaxis has membranous bracts very much lacerated, while in *Tritonia* the bracts are not lacerated.

When leaves or the bases of leaves are modified to form a storage organ the rootstock is known as a bulb, e.g. *Amaryllis Belladonna* or March Lily, *Crinum*, *Cyrtanthus*, *Haemanthus*, *Nerine* and *Vallota* or Knysna Lily, belonging to the *Amaryllis* family or *Amaryllidaceae*, and *Galtonia*, *Lachenalia* and *Ornithogalum* or Chinkerichee which belong to *Liliaceae*.

Amaryllids may be distinguished from *Irids* by the possession of two rows of three stamens, while in the *Liliaceae* not only are both rows of stamens present but the ovary is superior.

The flowers and leaves of *Crinum* appear at the same time, while those of the *Belladonna* come at different seasons. In both these *Amaryllids* the fruit contains one or a few seeds only, while in *Nerine*, *Vallota* and *Cyrtanthus* the seeds are numerous. The petals of *Nerine* are free while those of *Vallota* and *Cyrtanthus* are partly joined to one another. In *Vallota* the tube is comparatively wider and longer than in *Cyrtanthus*. The fruit of *Haemanthus* is a berry.

Galtonia has angular seeds while those of *Lachenalia* and *Ornithogalum* are rounded. The *Chinkerichee* is found in vlei ground while *Lachenalias* prefer sandy or rocky situations.

When the root is swollen with reserves of food the rootstock is called a tuber. Such are *Aponogeton*, a

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water-plant, the magnificent Gloriosa Lily and Satyrium, an orchid.

When the storage organ is a creeping underground stem it is known as a rhizome, e.g. the Arum and *Moraea iridioides*, one of the few Irids without a corm.

Clivia, Agapanthus, the Red Hot Poker and Strelitzia have imperfect bulbs with thickened roots. They are perennial herbs and do not die down above ground during drought.

The bulbous plants here quoted may be roughly divided into

- (a) those which can be taken up and stored and
- (b) those best left in the ground.

As a general rule it is more advantageous to store such bulbous plants as have a *definite* resting-period; for this not only lessens the risk of damage from the rodent mole or Blesmol, but also gives the gardener an opportunity to cultivate and improve his soil.

Arums are readily adaptable and in favourable situations do not die down above ground. It would also be hardly practicable to dig up their creeping rhizomes. Agapanthus and others of the perennial type are best left in the ground and only lifted for division when new shoots have been formed. The late-flowering Watsonias are also best treated in this way, and such bulbous plants as are moisture-loving, e.g. *Gladiolus tristis*, or flower in the dry months, e.g. a few species of Antholyza and Gladiolus need similar treatment.

Those plants with underground rootstocks which enable them to have a dormant period during the dry months are of two kinds, according as they originate from the winter or

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summer rainfall areas. When such plants are transposed to the reverse conditions it becomes, as a rule, more necessary to take up the rootstocks in order to get the best results. It will be readily seen that a plant from the Eastern Province, accustomed to remain dormant during a cold dry winter, would not thrive if left underground in the Western Province where we have heavy rain at that season.

Summer-flowering are several species of *Gladiolus*, *Watsonias* and *Tritonia*, *Gloriosa*, *Crinum*, *Vallota* and *Freesia*.

Winter-flowering are *Moraea*, *Ixia*, species of *Watsonia*, *Gladiolus* and *Antholyza*, *Babiana*, *Dierama*, *Freesia* (when transferred to the Western Province and planted in April), *Lachenalia*, *Satyrium* and *Sparaxis*. Many of these are more truly early Spring-flowering but may be classed with the Winter-flowering for horticultural purposes.

The majority of our larger ornamental Amaryllids are characteristically Autumn-flowering, e.g. *Amaryllis*, *Haemanthus* and *Nerine*. As they rest during Summer drought, they may be treated on the same lines as the Winter-flowering.

The fact that so many of our South African plants are extremely local in their distribution prepares us for their need of individual conditions. But once established in well-drained and suitable surroundings the majority amply repay any thoughtful attention.

Arums do well in marshy ground near streams or in fairly shady woods.

The brown *Africander* is partial to flats or hillsides and can stand a considerable period of drought.

Painted Ladies need a slightly more secluded spot, but as a rule are also found on hillsides or the more gravelly portions of the flats.

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Watsonias as a rule are hardy, doing well on gravelly soil or brown sandy loam. The Summer-flowering species seem to favour less arid conditions.

Agapanthus are suitable for almost any garden soils, some of the large varieties being successful even in very sandy soil.

Belladonnas prefer shady spots and appear to great advantage planted beneath oaks.

Antholyzas need varying treatment according to their species.

Babianas are partial to very sandy soils.

Cyrtanthus according to the species, may need a fairly moist situation, e.g. *Cyrtanthus obliquus* where the leaves remain green all the year round. A fairly rich loam is favourable for these Amaryllids.

Crinum, which also does not die down, requires similar conditions.

Dierama can be grown on a sandy loam with a fair amount of humus. It is an exceedingly graceful plant and eminently repays a little cultivation.

Gloriosa should be planted in situations where it can twine over trellises or trees, etc. Its striking and handsome flowers will then be seen to best advantage. It needs a certain degree of moisture, being a forest plant.

Haemanthus is found near the coast on sandy mountain slopes. The species quoted has a pair of large flat green leaves which appear in Winter.

Ixias are partial to dry sandy soil, and in such situations are fairly easily grown.

Lachenalias are found either near sandy flats or among rocks whence they derive their name of "Klip Kalossies." They make very fine pot plants.

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Ornithogalums are partial to vlei ground, but do well even in fairly sandy spots.

The Satyrium quoted can be grown in extremely sandy soil.

Sparaxis like Ixias are hardy and can be given similar treatment.

The Red Hot Poker prefers slightly shaded positions as the leaves are evergreen.

Tritonias for the most part can be planted in fairly dry situations, though they do well in more rich sandy soil, especially *Tritonia hyalina*.

Vallota needs shade and careful handling. It makes an ornamental pot-plant.

The larger Gladioli are already famous, but the slender, more graceful species are set off in all their daintiness by green lawns and a grassy back ground.

The majority seed freely, and once in cultivation can soon with proper care be produced in sufficient quantity for mass effects. After the first rains the seeds are sown, and as transplanting should not take place before a fair-sized root-stock has been formed, it is advisable to have them a fair distance apart from the outset. The Summer-flowering species are sown in Spring.

These are only a few of the treasures to be found among the almost inexhaustible store of our native plants. Many of the smaller flowers such as the Golden Stars, the Romuleas and Galaxias though not yet generally known would be most effective when massed or in cobbled paths as may be witnessed in the Spring or Autumn at Kirstenbosch.

The Babianas make vivid borders, while the taller and hardier Antholyzas and Agapanthus, etc., would grace the stateliest of terraces and avenues.



AMARYLLIS BELLADONNA.